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For: TNF RECEPTOR AND STEROID HORMONE IN A COMBINED THERAPY



Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for the filing of a Continuation application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending application Serial No. 08/983,223, filed February 27, 1998, by Alessandra Boe and Francesco Borrelli, entitled "TNF RECEPTOR AND STEROID HORMONE IN A COMBINED THERAPY". The prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

I hereby state that the attached papers are a copy of prior application Serial No. 08/983,223, filed February 27, 1998, without any new matter therein.

~~Cancel~~ in this application original claims 2-17 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

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~~Amend~~ the specification by inserting at page 1, line 3, the paragraph:

--This is a continuation of application Serial No.

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This application includes THREE (3) sheets of drawings containing Figures 1 through 2b.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on PCT Application No. PCT/EP95/02767, filed July 14, 1995, is claimed. The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in said prior application Serial No. 08/983,223, filed February 27, 1998.

The prior application was assigned to Applied Research Systems ARS Holding N.V. and is recorded at Reel 9623, Frame 0117.

The power of attorney in the prior application, as originally filed, is to customer no. 2352, OSTROLENK, FABER, GERB & SOFFEN, LLP, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036-8403, and the members of the firm: Reg. No. 17,542; Samuel H. Weiner, Reg. No. 18,510; Jerome M. Berliner, Reg. No. 18,653; Robert C. Faber, Reg. No. 24,322; Edward A. Meilman, Reg. No. 24,735; Stanley H. Lieberstein, Reg. No. 22,400; Steven I. Weisburd, Reg. No. 27,409; Max Moskowitz, Reg. No. 30,576; Stephen A. Soffen, Reg. No. 31,063; James A. Finder, Reg. No. 30,173; William O. Gray, III, Reg. No. 30,944; Louis C. Dujmich, Reg. No. 30,625, and Douglas A. Miro, Reg. No. 31,643, as attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith and to receive all correspondence. The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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